

DENNIS, MARK A. 81

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: August 31, 1981

Full Name Mark A. Dennis
Address 1421 Market St Apt 1
City La Crosse State Wisconsin Zip Code 54601
Date of Birth July 7, 1961
Religion Catholic Nationality Unknown
Occupation Student - Radio disc jockey
Education 1 Year college - 1 year Seminary
Weight 160 Height 6' 0" Race Caucasian
Color of Hair Brown Color of eyes Unknown
Outstanding characteristics or interests Unknown
Married or Single Single Children None

Scouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
Troop 67	Sparta,	Wisconsin	Scout	7/15/72	11/30/78
Council	La Crosse,	WI	Camp Chaplain	7/2/81	7/30/81

Special Recognitions Eagle Scout - Ad Altare Dei - O.A. Member

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

Committing a homosexual act with a Scout while in his role as Camp Chaplain
(See attached photocopies)

Signed 
Scout Executive

Council Gateway Area #624

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

F. STARON

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December 3, 1981

Mr. Creed E. Wood
Scout Executive
Gateway Area Council, No. 624

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mark A. Dennis

Dear Creed:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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DAWN HARDELL

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September 3, 1981

Mr. Creed E. Wood
Scout Executive
Gateway Area Council, No. 624

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Mark A. Dennis

Dear Creed:

Thank you for the information which you sent on August 31, concerning the above named individual. This will be most helpful to us in building our file so that registration can be refused wherever Mr. Dennis may move.

We hope you will send us any other information which you may collect concerning this matter. At the present time I feel we have the information which we need to build our file. If I may be of further service to you, please write.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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BRENDA DUFF

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August 10, 1981

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Brooklyn, WI 53521

Dear [REDACTED]:

Since our last conversation concerning Mark Dennis several things have taken place that I feel you should be familiar with.

1. When I received your call on Monday night and we (Cordis and myself) had the initial conversation with Mark and told him of the accusation, he denied it. We, at that time, restricted his activities. They remained restricted and supervised until Wednesday afternoon when he admitted the accusation was correct.

2. Upon admitting the accusation was correct and Mark leaving camp, being discharged by me was one and one half hours, most of it being used to pack his personal belongings.

3. Mark can no longer register with any council in the Boy Scouts of America, and in order to be a summer camp staff member, you must be a registered Scouter.

4. Mark has been relieved of his position in the seminary and will not be able to continue in this line as a profession. (As a by-line, his great uncle, the Bishop of Central Illinois, relieved him of his position.)

5. Mark is now in a long-term therapy session, working through the Diocese office here in La Crosse.

You should also know that two groups of people were notified of Mark's actions. They were my Scout Executive (Tuesday morning) and Father Bob Cook, La Crosse Diocese office (Wednesday afternoon). The actions taken by both groups I have mentioned above.

Father Bob Cook has also expressed his deep regret and said he would help the [REDACTED] family and Mark in any way he can.

I will close by saying that if you feel I can do anything else, please feel free to call or write. I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter for you to give the parents of [REDACTED]. If you want me to write directly, please feel to ask.

Yours in Scouting,

Douglas W. Wilson
Camp Director

p.s See you next summer if not before.

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On Thursday, July 23, 1981, an incident involving our son and Mark Dennis, the camp's chaplain occurred which we feel should be brought to your attention.

Our son, [REDACTED], attend chapel services after lunch on Thursday. When services were over [REDACTED] & other boys met the chaplain at his car to get information regarding the religion award. After taking addresses & phone numbers he asked [REDACTED] to remain and asked the other boys to leave. One of [REDACTED] friends, [REDACTED], wanted to wait for [REDACTED], but the chaplain became insistent that he leave. He then asked [REDACTED] if he would come to his lodge saying he wanted [REDACTED] to help him ~~sort~~ fix his stereo. At the cabin, [REDACTED] helped him plug in the stereo. They talked. The chaplain started to talk about his girlfriend and sex. He took [REDACTED] into the bedroom area, undressed him and sexually molested him. He kept [REDACTED] at the cabin for nearly 2 hours letting him go when [REDACTED] said he had to get back to the campsite for camp cleanup duties. The chaplain warned [REDACTED] not to tell ~~the~~ anyone. [REDACTED] tells us he was shocked by the incident & was afraid to tell the "scoutmaster".

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We are notifying you of this incident
 so that you may take whatever action
 you deem necessary. In our part,
 if this is an isolated incident, we do not
 wish to pursue legal or criminal action
 against this young man. We do, however,
 feel that incidents of this nature be prevented
 from occurring in the future and feel that
 his record should reflect the seriousness
 of this offense.

[REDACTED]

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]